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MAYOR DETAILS \$1 MILLION IN REBUILDINDY PROJECTS FOR MIDTOWN NEIGHBORHOODS

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard today joined leaders from the Historic Midtown Neighborhood Initiative (HARMONI) to break ground on RebuildIndy projects that will make needed road and sidewalk improvements, revitalize the area and help the community achieve its goals for connectivity in its four historic neighborhoods through bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure improvements and streetscape enhancements.

“This announcement is a great example of how RebuildIndy is partnering with neighborhood groups to realize a new vision for our community,” said Mayor Ballard. “For years, HARMONI and the residents of Midtown have thoughtfully developed their plan. It’s exciting that after years of planning and discussion, we are able to help strengthen these great neighborhoods.”

HARMONI was established to connect and rejuvenate the four historic neighborhoods in Midtown: Broad Ripple Village, Butler-Tarkington, Meridian-Kessler and North Meridian Street Historic District. The Central Indiana Community Foundation, Meridian Street Foundation and other partners helped create the vision for the HARMONI plans, which center on improving pedestrian and bicycle access, landscaping, beautification and traffic management.

Specific projects include:

- Raised landscape medians on Meridian Street fronting Alice Carter Place.
- Creation of a 5-foot landscaped buffer between the curb and sidewalk along Meridian Street from East 54th Street to Westfield Boulevard, Westfield Boulevard from Meridian Street to Meridian Lane and 56th Street from Illinois Street to Washington Boulevard.
- New pedestrian crossings at the intersections of Meridian Street and Westfield Boulevard and Meridian Street and East 57th Street as well as along the Meridian Street Bridge.

The City will invest nearly \$1 million for the projects. HARMONI is funding additional construction, design and inspection costs through a \$396,800 federal grant and \$99,200 in private fundraising.

Since Mayor Ballard launched RebuildIndy in September 2010, the City has invested more than \$182 million to repair long-neglected streets, sidewalks, bridges and parks throughout Indianapolis. For a complete project list of the RebuildIndy investment to date, please visit www.indy.gov/rebuildindy.

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